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PRENSA LATINA POLLS PEKING 'OBSERVERS' ON NIXON VISIT

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(EXCERPTS) PEKING, 16 JUL--THE FIRST HIGH-RANKING U.S. OFFICIAL TO VISIT THE PRC HAS JUST CONCLUDED HIS MISSION, WHICH CULMINATED IN AN OFFICIAL INVITATION TO PRESIDENT NIXON TO VISIT PEKING BEFORE MAY 1972.

THE VISIT OF HENRY KISSINGER, PRESIDENT NIXON'S SECURITY ADVISOR, MADE BETWEEN 9 AND 11 JULY IN PEKING, CAUSED SURPRISE AMONG DIPLOMATS AND OBSERVERS IN THE CHINESE CAPITAL, WHOSE ATTENTION HAD BEEN FOCUSED ON A HIGH-LEVEL KOREAN DELEGATION AND ANOTHER OF FRENCH LEGISLATORS.

OBSERVERS HERE INTERPRET KISSINGER'S MISSION MORE AS AN EFFORT TO PUT THE UNITED STATES, NOW IN DEBT IN ASIA, BACK ON THE POSITIVE SIDE OF THE LEDGER. IT IS THIS, RATHER THAN A CHANGE IN NIXON'S POLICY, THAT OBSERVERS SEE. IN LINE WITH THIS, OBSERVERS EMPHASIZE THAT FOR CHINA IT IS A FACT THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL HAVE TO WITHDRAW FROM THE INDOCHINESE PENINSULA AND THAT VICTORY AT THIS MOMENT IS ALREADY IN THE HANDS OF THE INDOCHINESE PEOPLES.

ANOTHER FACT FOR CHINA IS THAT WASHINGTON CANNOT FOREVER KEEP SUPPORTING THE TAIWAN REGIME. THE FACT THAT PEKING LAST YEAR FOR THE FIRST TIME OBTAINED A MAJORITY OF VOTES FOR RESTORATION OF ITS RIGHTS AT THE UN AFFIRMS THIS VIEW.

TAIWAN, INDOCHINA, AND THE UN, THEN, ARE THREE KEY POINTS IN PEKING-WASHINGTON RELATIONS, AND THE TREND OF EVENTS AROUND THESE THREE ISSUES AT PRESENT--AND MUCH MORE SO IN THE FUTURE--IS FAVORABLE TO CHINA. HENCE THE GENERAL OPINION OF OBSERVERS HERE THAT WASHINGTON WILL TRY TO TURN ITS PRESENT MINUS POSITION VIS-A-VIS CHINA INTO A PLUS ONE.

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